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do too many things. I have so much stacked up I am horrified, and the poor old Journal hasn't had the loving care from me it deserves. Your job of getting good articles is top notch, but the little technicalities of correcting copy and proof have our printer rattled. We all agree the quality of the content is the main thing, but the printing format should be consistent, anyway. In many cases, it is not.

I am sure you would rather work this out with me and Mrs. Davis than have the Board tell us what to do, and Mrs. Davis says she is about to write us a letter insisting on clearer copy. So, my friend, let us gather by the river and get this cleared away.

Best regards to Margaret.

Sincerely your friend,

JIM- I had thought of sending this to John, but will hold it for your advice. Don't want to make him mad, but Mrs. Davis is mighty unhappy with the job he is doing and she is a real good printer. Let me have your advice.

c.c.

*Mrs. M. ain't
she ain't
worth \$5.
I'll take
my cut -
C.*

January 28, 1957

Dear John:

I believe we will have to confer before long, and get some matters concerning the editing of the Journal and the index straight.

Mrs. Davis, who handles the printing, has called me again today about errors in the index proof. I have not bothered to look at the index copy or proof, but I checked a couple of items for her, and the copy does seem to be a rather careless job. There were practically no corrections on the proof, so the proof-reading should be more exact, too.

For instance, Mrs. Davis says she automatically corrected Dawson Phelps spelled Phelps on the proof. I checked the copy, and it is Phelps on the copy. Several other indications of a rather careless job, so I think we will have to bear down a little harder.

Of course, you and I agreed that Hig was a perfectionist and we did not have time to be. But Hig has certainly spoiled Mrs. Davis, for she is that rare woman, an educated printer. She knows that as a printer she should not correct the copy, but when it is incorrect, she catches it, it worries her, and she calls me.

It is probably all my fault, for I have never sat down with you, Margaret and Mrs. Davis and outlined exactly what each of us should do. I have been doing nothing, except when the index arrived with no title page and no contents, I quickly wrote one. This is not hard, but we should have had it understood with whoever did the index that they should do the title page and contents at the same time.

I am afraid we will all be too rushed at the Historical Society meeting to sit down to this task. So suppose we plan a meeting, here, with Mrs. Davis, at your convenience after the meeting, either the end of February or around the first of March.

Trouble with all of us is that we are trying to